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## Otay Truck Route Widening Project - Phase 3

### Background

The Otay Mesa Port of Entry (POE) is the largest commercial crossing on the California-Mexico border. Annually, more than 700,000 trucks carrying more than \$20 billion in goods pass through the southbound border crossing. The current truck route into Mexico parallels the international border and is accessed using local streets in the City of San Diego. The current truck route circulation has loaded trucks using La Media Road and empty and express trucks using Drucker Lane.



More than 3,000 commercial vehicles enter the United States via Mexico at the Otay Mesa Port of Entry (POE) each day and approximately the same number of trucks cross the border in the southbound direction. Since October 2002, all commercial trucks entering Mexico, including empty trucks, are required to use the designated commercial vehicle route previously used only by loaded trucks.

### Project Overview

For this project, the Truck Route segment from Drucker Lane to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection POE currently consists of one lane used by loaded trucks and one lane for empty trucks. The Otay Truck Route Widening Project - Phase III will widen this section of the existing truck route by 19 feet to provide one additional lane reserved for U.S. Border Patrol, emergency access, and disabled vehicles. The project will add K-rail barrier between the empty and loaded truck lanes to improve traffic circulation and will also lower and straighten a 300 foot section of the Truck Route to improve visibility and security along the secondary border fence.

The truck route will be **reduced to one lane only around the construction work zone during the first two phases of construction**, and then will revert back to two lanes during the final phase.

Drucker Lane will be closed during all three phases of construction and the empty and express trucks will be rerouted to La Media Road.

### Construction Schedule

Construction is currently scheduled to begin in July 2010 and is to be completed in 110 working days.

### Cost

The construction cost is estimated to be \$1,574,016.

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